

House Resolution No. 2411

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to extend heartfelt greetings to visitors to the Show-Me State with its diverse economic foundations, ethnic heritages, historical milestones, and geographical features; and

Whereas, Alveda King will honor this governmental institution with her presence on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, when she visits the Missouri state capital of Jefferson City as part of her ongoing endeavors designed to raise awareness of the importance of quality educational choices for minority students; and

Whereas, founder of King for America and the King for Educational Freedom Foundation, Alveda King is a beloved mother, loving grandmother, devoted daughter of the late Reverend A.D. King, and respected niece of the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., both of whom forfeited their lives in the struggle for civil rights; and

Whereas, an activist in her own right whose home was bombed by those seeking to subvert freedom and prevent opportunity, Alveda King was incarcerated during the 1960s for taking a visible stand in support of freedom for the racially and economically oppressed whose familial roots took nourishment from the rich soil of Africa; and

Whereas, Alveda King has attained considerable distinction as an author, vocalist, spiritual leader, and holder of a Master's degree in business who served society as a college professor and as a Democratic member of the Georgia State House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Alveda King truly believes in the importance of education as a way to reincorporate young black men into productive society and to ensure the health and well-being of black families; and

Whereas, seeing parental choice in education as the "most pressing civil rights issue" of our day, Alveda King diligently works on behalf of minority children to obtain privately donated scholarships for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to welcome educator, politician, and civil rights activist Alveda King to the Chamber of the Missouri House of Representatives and to convey to her this legislative body's commendation of her stellar, lifelong record of accomplishments and our best wishes for continued personal and professional success now and in a future made better by her efforts; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Alveda King, as an expression of our esteem and respect for her and her societal endeavors.

Offered by _____
Representative Betty L. Thompson
District No. 72

Representative Sherman Parker
District No. 12

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2411, adopted May 1, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker